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The Honorable George W. Ball  
Under Secretary of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your letter of August 24th inviting the participation of CIA in the next few meetings of the Board of the Foreign Service.

We are happy to participate, and I feel certain such meetings will assist in solving any mutual problems that we might have.

It is probable that some of our discussions with your people may have to be on a bilateral basis rather than in the larger forum you have indicated may be in attendance. I have discussed this with Bill Crockett and he understands.

I am designating Mr. Richard Helms, Deputy Director for Plans, to represent the Agency at these first meetings. As this more formal relationship develops, it may well be that we will wish to change our designated representative.

Thank you very much for thinking of us in this regard.

Faithfully yours,

Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Acting Director

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*Thank you* *mt*

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